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"The State? It Is I."

In his latest statement of the case Mr. Roosevelt takes the ground that he is the sole holder of good government in the country. He does not appeal to progressive republicans alone. "Every man who believes in decency and honesty in politics can achieve his purpose only by supporting my candidacy."

The very comprehensive—takes in all parties and all the states. As Mr. Roosevelt sees things, an unusual responsibility rests on the Chicago convention. If that body picks the right man, the country's affairs will then be safe. What is done later at Baltimore and elsewhere will amount to nothing. Decent men of reflection will soon come to see where their interests lie, forsake other connections and cleave to him.

This is the one-man proposition. On the one side the Taft people may delude themselves for the moment with the notion that reforms may come through him. On the other side, the same feeling may possess the Clark, the Wilson, the Underwood and the Harmon people as they consider their respective favorites. All are mistaken. Only one candidacy holds out hope of the correction of our governmental evils, and that is "my candidacy."

This is "going some" but there is more ground that should be covered. Let Mr. Roosevelt now give his age, his physical condition, the opinion of his medical adviser as to how many more years are coming to him, and then pledge himself as to prudence in the matter of living. If he is the sole hope of the country, how long may that hope be expected to last?

The point is of the highest importance, for the reason that Mr. Roosevelt's program is large. If he is returned to the White House he will have his hands full of business, and time will be necessary for its transaction. How can he so easily and so hardily suffice. Reshaping our governmental structure from the ground up, which is his aim, cannot be accomplished while you wait. Even as rapid a thinker and worker as Mr. Roosevelt could not have built Rome in three years and will hardly be able to do so in five.

And the job, if undertaken, must be completed by the undertaker. It would be risky for a substitute to be called in. Mr. Roosevelt does not claim to be infallible. Even he can be mistaken. He confesses to a mistake in the case of Mr. Taft, whom he considered and recommended, as admirably qualified for the presidency.

A factor in the campaign, then, if Mr. Roosevelt is nominated, will be the amount and length of service the country may still expect from him. How sound will be his mind, how strong his body, how long can he still go under pressure? One-man power may mean life tenure, and the probable length of the dynasty will interest the people.

The Small-Coin Plan.

It is very doubtful whether there is any need of a change in the coinage system which will give three-cent and half-cent pieces. From a few places come demands for such coins, but if the matter were left to a popular vote probably a great majority would be cast against the manufacture of coins other than those now produced by the mint. The three-cent piece has been asked for by the residents of cities where three-cent street railway fares are in vogue, but it would seem to be rather an imposition on the public at large to revive this long-abandoned piece of metal, which is so easily confused with the silver dime. As for the half-penny, it is only justified by the present practice of retailers of certain classes of goods of offering double quantities at a certain rate which would divide the price of the goods apparently gives half a cent more per unit of the seller. Over a large part of this country the penny has no currency whatever, the five-cent nickel piece being the smallest coin. If the half-penny is minted the exact value of the half-penny is distinguished from the rest and the difference between the standards of values that now exists will be increased. In that case it will be necessary to change the size of the penny unless the half-cent coin is made very small indeed. It is doubtful whether the public would be pleased with a return to the old "copper" of an earlier period in order to leave room below it so to speak for a coin of the value of half a cent. There is no practical difficulty with the coinage of the half-penny, but it is in this matter, especially as there is no pronounced demand for a departure from the existing system.

Both hats are in the presidential ring. The difference is that one is a rough rider's hat and the other is a high hat.

The Commerce Court managed to develop some questions for legal consideration on its own account.

Ohio.

Quite like old times in Ohio, when the state was on the pivotal list and both sought her for with the utmost strenuousness. The Sherman and Taft man, Bingham and Pendleton, Garfield and Hurd, McKinley and Campbell, Foraker and Converse, Foster and Ewing, Larry Neal and "Tom" Young, and many others, had it out on the stump and elsewhere in fine style.

Ohio campaign attracted national attention. The participants were men of great ability and wide reputation, and whatever the issue the pronouncements upon it were emphatic.

such eminent players sprang the state's sobriquet of "The Modern Mother of Presidents." Ohio had succeeded to Virginia's old distinction. Grant and Benjamin Harrison were Ohio born, while Hayes, Garfield, McKinley and Taft were, when chosen President, Buckeyes by both birth and residence.

Again there is fighting royal in the state, and both parties are engaged. As yet, however, they have not squared off against each other. One stake is the republican nomination at Chicago, and the other the democratic nomination at Baltimore.

Mr. Taft will head his procession of stumpers, and Mr. Roosevelt his, and in the train of each will be men of national fame and influence. There will be a hot time in the old state all next week on the republican side of the fence. He will be experienced. Gov. Harmon wants to lead his party, and Mr. Bryan objects. The latter's course is not only aggressive, but decidedly out of the ordinary. He is declaring face to face to a constituency which has twice put its approval on Gov. Harmon, that its favorite is not worthy of presidential honors, and that Ohio should not recommend that he be bestowed upon him. And large crowds are listening to the visiting orator and accuser.

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The Senate Pension Bill.

The Senate District committee disapproves of the extraordinary bill passed by the House the other day to provide for the maintenance of the police and firemen's pension fund, ordering a special tax upon the property holders of the District for this purpose, conditioned on approval by the taxpayers at a referendum election. This measure which the House adopted was condemned so emphatically at once by the citizens of the District that the Senate committee's action may be regarded as in response to the protests that have been voiced. It is gratifying to find a bill so promptly reported in generally satisfactory terms, for an emergency exists that demands speedy action by Congress. The beneficiaries of the pension fund have for some time been periodically deprived of the full amount of their stipends. Considerable suffering has been caused by the failure of the fund, and it is deplorable that so much time has been wasted in working out a satisfactory solution of the problem. The House bill was a lamentable failure to reach this end, for if it were to become law and the question were submitted to a vote of the people it would be unquestionably rejected by a heavy majority, notwithstanding the fact that there is a universal demand for some measure of pension fund relief. The Senate bill proposes a combination fund, comprised of part of contributions from the salaries of the firemen and policemen, from fines and forfeitures in the Police Court and, in case of a deficit, receipts from licenses other than liquor licenses. While this is infinitely better than a direct tax, it is certainly not the ideal method of financing a municipal pension fund. The item should be included in the annual estimates and the fund voted along with all other municipal expenses on the half-and-half basis of division between District and federal contributions. The fund for this purpose should be regarded as part of the regular cost of maintaining the District government, as much as the salaries of the police and firemen themselves. But the District is not disposed to cavil in this emergency. It is a measure of pension fund maintenance is worked out and so gross a violation of the organic act as the special tax proposed by the House bill is avoided.

Past experiences with the cent will doubtless enable the government to prevent the designer from putting his name on the new half-cent.

There will be some relief when the great parties get to work on platforms, which will necessarily be free from direct personalities.

When actual battle engages the attention of Mexican soldiers, the non-combatant population is justified in feeling somewhat safer.

Campaign activities have interfered to some extent with this year's display in both golf and tennis.

The thing that makes Harmon's candidacy seem formidable is the amount of anxiety it has excited on Mr. Bryan's part.

Mr. Barnes of New York is not giving the service as a Roosevelt hoodoo that was expected of him.

It appears that in a political controversy there is no such thing as libel.

Mr. Taft's Stumping Tours.

Some of the comment on the President's stumping tours is exceedingly unfair. One might gather from it that he entered upon the tours eagerly, and is enjoying his experience. The opposite is the truth. He is doing his duty with reluctance, and the conservatism with which he is replying to Mr. Roosevelt's personalities shows that he is not reveling in his opportunity. Some of his friends are disappointed at his moderation.

As matters stood, Mr. Roosevelt was having battle and Mr. Taft was having decline it. The impression on the everyday man was prejudicial to Mr. Taft. Coupled up in the White House, he could not appraise things as speedily or as accurately as his friends who were mixing in the crowds and hearing the talk of the street could, and were doing.

Finally these friends brought the President around to their view. They had weighed the question for and against, and with full appreciation of what the President owed to his office, but they decided that he also owed a good deal to himself and his party, and that the debt was not only large, but important. So, at their insistent instance, he formulated a reply to his assailant, and began delivering his message.

"Sir," exclaims Mr. Taft's critics, "to see a President of the United States indulging in such a controversy!" Yes, but what was the provocation? What other President was ever faced with such a situation? Chairman Dixon's letter to Mr. Taft on the subject of the Kentucky result was a most gross affront; and Mr. Roosevelt followed that up with assertions equally offensive about other matters.

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SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Trying to Beat the Game.
"Every note that prima donna sings costs me at least a dollar," said one musical manager.

Busy.
The delegate with keen delight
The future may foresee,
For it's his turn to start a fight
And also referee.

A Character Reader.
"How do you know that man is a statesman?"
"Because," replied the analyst, "he can wear a silk hat and a frock coat without looking as if he were going to a wedding."

A Sign of Regret.
"Investigations are not what they used to be."
"No," replied Mr. Grafton Grab; "in the good old days investigations were frequently held for the purpose of convincing the public that something it had discovered wasn't so."

An Exalted Comparison.
"Do you think politics is improving?"
"It appears to be," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "It resembles Heaven to the extent of being hard for a rich man to enter."

The Guileless Rustic.
Said Sheriff Jones to Farmer Brown, "If you come some auto folks from town; From which I argue business should. Quite soon be getting purty good. Take down the sign where they might read."

The Limit of the lawful speed.
When I have fined 'em fur their spin
You drive your auto into the center
The middle of the highway, where
They may get hit if grouped with care.
Some damages we'll make 'em pay
Before they travel on their way.
And further down the road we'll go,
And with assistance from a hoe
And water from a nearby ditch
We'll have a hole made deep and rich
With sticky clay. Beyond a doubt
They'll need a team to haul 'em out."

Then as they traveled on their way
We heard the farmer sadly say:
"It's terrible to read what jokes
Town people play on country folks."

Not So Bad, After All.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Twenty-eight years ago sedate citizens marched in street parades, carrying kerosene torches—all to the glory of their respective presidential nominees. But we had no rival aspirants for the White House, branding each other liars and thieves. In those days stolid freedom donned outlandish uniforms, tramped through dust or mud for miles and never even suspected they might be perpetrating an absurdity. But no President of the United States was accused by an eminent member of his own party with being guilty of the "crookedest kind of a crooked deal." That was an era when honest villages boasted their party flag poles with banners waving aloft and their mighty marching clubs—when men were urged to beat at that the fate of the public depended on some certain result on election day. But the category of abuse applied was not exhausted by candidates for each other's characterization. Somehow, one feels new respect for the partisan patriots of the years ago. Their ardor seems mild, now that the country sees what real fighting is.

Proposed New Coins.

From the Chicago News.
This nation has had much experience in the past with coins of the token value of 3 cents. Whether made of silver or of nickel they were alike unmitigated nuisances. They disappeared from the coinage not because there was no need for them, but because they were a sort of pest. The attempt of the national House of Representatives to bring back the three-cent piece is simply foolish. That body has passed a bill not only creating a coin of the value of three cents, but also creating a one-half-cent coin. There is absolutely no popular demand for either. It is well recognized by the intelligent public that an unnecessary kind of coin is merely an unending source of annoyance and error and consequent loss. The country's simple and sensible coinage of the present time answers every need. It is a good deal worse than useless to put into circulation new kinds of coins that nobody wants.

Deepening Troubles of Mexico.

From the Springfield Republican.
All over Mexico men of business and all those whose interests are served by stable conditions are in their hearts mourning the overthrow of the Diaz regime. Abuses there were under the iron rule of the old president, but the Diaz regime had made him quick to understand the majority of his people, but history will record that Diaz was a man of progress and betterment of his country. Francisco I. Madero is of a gentler nature, more of a dreamer, but he has the heart and the troubles that beset his administration are many. Worst of all, these difficulties appear to be growing and the mastery necessary to handling them does not keep pace with the country's needs.

Great Parade City.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.
Flushed by the success of their New York parade, the suffragists now propose a national procession at Washington with 50,000 women in line. But there is no more mention of the thirty-cent hat.

A Great Change.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.
Yes, it is the same Mississippi river that people were wading across last summer.

Rusky Houn' Dawg.

From the Detroit Free Press.
The more they kick Champ Clark's houn' dawg the stronger he seems to get.

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